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1. The 4th Volkspolizei (VP) Bereitschaft in Meiningen (51/482) had a strength of from 950 to 1,000 police. It was organized into a headquarters, three Kommandos, and one Sonderabteilung.
2. Officers of the VP Bereitschaft included Oberpolizei-rat Rudi Meyer, CO of the Bereitschaft; Polizeikom-missar Leutheuser, (fnu), CO of the 1st Kommando; Oberpolizeikommissar Wagner, (fnu), CO of the 2nd Kommando; Oberpolizeikommissar Kempf, (fnu) CO of the Sonderabteilung and headquarters personnel; Ober-polizeirat Friedrich, (fnu), Politikultur (PK) - Leiter; and Oberpolizeirat Bokum, (fnu), the Soviet liaison officer.
3. Training from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. consisted of polit-ical indoctrination, including newspaper reading. Afternoon training extending from 1 p.m., included infantry training, field training and tactics, training with model 08 and 38 pistols, training with machine guns of models 08/15, 34, and 44, and use and care of mortars.
4. The Meiningen Haupt Kaserne was occupied by a VP unit of 800 to 900 police on 24 May 1950. Personnel were frequently detached to other VP units, thus causing variations in the strength of the occupation.

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5. The unit was armed with model 98K carbines, Soviet rapid-fire rifles with 10-round magazines, model-40 submachine guns, model 44 assault rifles, models 34 and 42 machine guns, and model 08/15 light machine guns which were used only in basic training.

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